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ScreenCast Transcript - Environmental Response Management Application (ERMA)

Welcome to the public Environmental Response Management Application for the Deepwater Horizon MC252 incident. This interactive, map-based program contains incident-relevant information accessible by the three tabs found on the right of the screen: Layers, Legend, and Zoom.

The “Layers” tab displays an organized list of available map layers. To explore layers using the directory tree, click on the “plus” sign to expand a folder, and the “minus” sign to close a folder. To see a specific map layer drawn on the map, click on the square box next to the map layer’s name.

<Click on NMFS Fishery Closure 07-Jun10>

The “Search” box at the top of the screen allows you to keyword search the map layers. When you select a map layer from the search results list, it is automatically added to the map.

<Type in “fish” and choose NMFS Fishery Closure 07-Jun10>

To get more information about a specific object in a map layer – for example BP Community Outreach Centers – click on the “Information” icon, then click directly on the object of interest in the map.

To see metadata for a map layer, click on the map layer’s name in the “Layers” tab.

The “Legend” tab shows the legend for all active map layers.

The “Zoom” tab provides two ways to zoom to a specific location on the map: first, using a location’s geographic coordinates, entered in decimal degrees, and second, using a location’s name.

The “Zoom” tab also provides access to bookmark views. These bookmarks are preset map views that are updated daily by operations staff in the Command Posts in the Gulf of Mexico, and reflect daily high priority issues in the field. Clicking on the name of a bookmark turns on a suite of corresponding map layers, which can be explored back in the “Layers” tab.

Finally, standard map navigation tools are available in the upper left corner of the screen. For more information about how to use these tools, click on the “Help” tab at the top of the screen.